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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Somalia (S/2012/643)

Other matters

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7 (NLB)

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on an outcome document of the high-level meeting on the rule of law on Wednesday, 29 August 2012, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

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General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

The First, Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth Committee), Second, Third, Fifth and Sixth Committees will hold consecutive meetings on Tuesday, 4 September 2012, at 11 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, for the purpose of electing their Chairs at the sixty-seventh session (agenda item 5) and their respective Bureaux.

The Chairs of regional groups who have not yet communicated all their nominations are requested to do so, *as soon as possible*, in order to facilitate the scheduled elections in a timely manner. Communications may be sent by e-mail (muturi@un.org) or sent by fax (1 (212) 963-3783). Telephone inquiries may be addressed to the focal point, Ms. Mary Muturi (tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

There will be an informal meeting of the plenary on the modalities of a world conference on indigenous peoples, on Tuesday, 4 September 2012, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

General Assembly
Sixty-sixth session

An informal interactive dialogue on the "Report of the Secretary-General on the responsibility to protect: Timely and decisive response" (A/66/874) will be held on Wednesday, 5 September 2012, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 9 August 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

For inscription in the list of speakers, kindly send an e-mail to the General Assembly Affairs Branch indicating the name and the level of the speaker *by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 4 September* (heddachem@un.org).

Civil society organizations interested in attending the debate should register by sending an e-mail to mrozm@un.org *by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 29 August*. Subject to standard United Nations practices and time limitations, there may be space for representatives from civil society organizations to deliver interventions, to a maximum of *three minutes*. Those interested in delivering a statement should indicate this request in their registration e-mail.

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

General debate
(25–28 September and 1 October 2012)

The provisional list of speakers No. 1 for the general debate of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms IN-0613 and NLB-1033). The list of speakers has also been sent directly to the permanent missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are kindly reminded that, in accordance with existing practice at the sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit statement by each delegation. In order to help the speakers to follow with the time for their statement, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum.

Delegations may wish to inform their capital on this procedure.

Programme of work and agenda

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September. The provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/150, and annotations can be found in document A/67/100. A draft programme of work of the plenary for the sixty-seventh session is contained in document A/66/861, Section II.

Seating protocol

On Friday, 8 June 2012, the Secretary-General drew from among the Member States the name of Jamaica to occupy the first seat in the General Assembly Hall at the sixty-seventh session. Consequently, the delegation of Jamaica will sit at the first desk at the right of the President, and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

General Assembly

United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

General exchange of views . . . . . [12]

[Delegations are kindly requested to submit, to the Secretary-General of the Conference, their credentials *as soon as possible*. The credentials must be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference.]

[For further information on the Conference, please visit the Web site: <www.poa-iss.org/RevCon2/>. To consult the list of side events, please *click here*.]

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Pre-session informal briefing

A pre-session informal briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board second regular session will be held *today*, 28 August 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). An informal briefing on the Report on the implementation of strategic framework for partnerships and collaborative relationships will also be held in the same context.

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 28 August 2012

Joint Arab and South American Countries meeting

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Asia-Pacific Group (plenary meeting)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (Third Committee experts)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A (NLB)

Group of Least Developed Countries (at the expert level)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp>.

Tuesday, 28 August 2012

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Committee on Conferences

Briefing

A briefing by the Secretariat on matters relevant to the work of the Committee on Conferences will be held on Thursday, 30 August 2012, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room AB-0707 (Albano Building, 305 East 46th Street). All members of the Committee are invited to attend. Non-members who wish to attend as observers are requested to submit a written request to Ms. Cristina Schulz-Langendorf (schulz-langendorf@un.org).

Substantive session

The substantive session of the Committee on Conferences will be held from Tuesday, 4, to Monday, 10 September 2012, in Conference Room 5 (NLB). The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/AC.172/2012/1.

[Reports for consideration by the Committee are contained in the following documents: A/67/127 and A/AC.172/2012/L.2.]

[In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, and amended in paragraph 10 of A/56/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers in the substantive session are invited to send a request in writing to Ms. Cristina Schulz-Langendorf (schulz-langendorf@un.org).]

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Conference of States Parties
Fifth session

The Secretary-General has the honour to inform Member States that the fifth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will take in Conference Room 4 (NLB), on Wednesday, 12, and Thursday, 13 September 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. and on Friday, 14 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The provisional agenda is available in document CRPD/CSP/2012/1.

List of speakers at the general debate

The general debate will take place on Wednesday, 12 September 2012, in the morning. To facilitate the preparation of the list of speakers which is open for inscription *until Tuesday, 4 September*, delegations are kindly requested to communicate to the secretariat, at the latest by Tuesday, 4 September 2012 (5 p.m.), the relevant information, indicating the full name and title of the speaker. Inscriptions should be sent directly to Mr. Guozhong Zhang, secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail zhangg@un.org).

Quorum

Pursuant to article 34, paragraph 5 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are 119 States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is 80 States Parties. In order to avoid lack of quorum which may lead to substantial delay or call off of the meeting of the States Parties, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present prior to the meeting.

Credentials

The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the opening of the session. The credentials may be brought or sent to Mr. Guozhong Zhang, secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail zhangg@un.org; room DC2-1314).

Accessibility

States parties that have not yet informed the secretariat of the accessibility requirements of delegates are advised to do so immediately, in order to facilitate their participation in meetings.

For further information concerning the Conference of States Parties, please contact Mr. Guozhong Zhang, secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail zhangg@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/disabilities/default.asp?navid=46&pid=1595>.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Informal briefing

The UNICEF Executive Board will hold an informal briefing in preparation for the 2012 second regular session on the Report on the implementation of the modified system for allocation of regular resources for programmes. The briefing will take place on Wednesday, 29 August 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Second regular session 2012

The second regular session 2012 of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 11, to Friday, 14 September 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2012/15.

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at the following Web site: <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_65200.html>. Member States as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session are requested to submit their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of

UNICEF (e-mail jpiccolominigeary@unicef.org; fax 1 (212) 326-7096), *no later than Friday, 31 August 2012.*

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

[The upcoming second regular session 2012 will be the first PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading through the UNICEF Executive Board Web site.

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing "Documents" Web page, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board home page will provide a link to a new "In-session" Web page that will make available all supporting documentation (PowerPoint presentations, statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (c/o Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will be embargoed until they are delivered; and then posted to the new "In-session" Web page on the UNICEF Executive Board Web site.]

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP, of UNFPA and UNOPS will hold informal consultations in Conference Room 6 (NLB) as indicated below. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Wednesday, 29 August 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m.: on the UNDP programming arrangements;

Thursday, 30 August 2012, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon: on matters to be taken at the second regular session of the Board; followed by another informal consultation on draft decisions to be taken at the session, from 12 noon to 1 p.m.;

Thursday, 30 August 2012, from 3 to 5 p.m.: on the UNDP annual review of the financial situation, 2011; and

Friday, 31 August 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: on the UNDP programming arrangements.

Second regular session 2012

The second regular session 2012 of the UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 4, to Monday, 10 September 2012, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2012/L.3. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to submit their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (e-mail marcela.romero@undp.org; fax 1 (212) 906-5634). Delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene, *no later than Wednesday, 29 August 2012.*

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/66/251 and A/66/252.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on a draft follow-up resolution entitled "Strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution" (under agenda item 34 (a)) (convened by the Permanent Missions of Finland and Turkey, on behalf of the Group of Friends of Mediation)

Tuesday, 4 September 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 30 August 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (Third Committee experts)

Thursday, 30 August 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

Meeting of the Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic (ZPCSA) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Uruguay)

Thursday, 30 August 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 10 (NLB).

Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (meeting of the New York Committee)

Monday, 10 September 2012, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing for delegations on facilitation for the arrivals and departures of Heads of State/Government and other senior officials coming to New York for the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly (organized by the United States Mission)

Wednesday, 29 August 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[Administrative officers, heads of chancery and others responsible for ensuring the smooth arrival and departure of members of their respective delegations, including VIP delegates, are strongly urged to attend. For further details please contact Mr. Thomas J. Buda, United States Mission (e-mail budat@state.gov; tel. 1 (212) 415-4407).]

Dialogue between the President of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly and civil society (organized by the Office of President of the General Assembly, in collaboration with the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS), the NGO Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the NGO Section, Department of Public Information (DPI))

Monday, 10 September 2012, from 3.30 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or associated with DPI are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanifa Mezoui, Office of the President of the General Assembly (e-mail mezouih@un.org).]

UNITAR general briefing for new delegates on the work of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly

Wednesday, 12 September 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB);

Thursday, 13 September 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB); and

Friday, 14 September 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[The briefing is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. To register, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Training session on "Using the *Yearbook of the United Nations* online" (co-organized by the Publications and Editorial Cluster, the Outreach Division, Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Dag Hammarskjöld Library)

Thursday, 20 September 2012, from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Training Room (DC2-1142).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions and United Nations staff are invited. To register for the session, please contact the Dag Hammarskjöld Library (e-mail librarytraining@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5321). For further information concerning the session, please contact Mr. John R. Sebesta, Yearbook Unit (e-mail sebesta@un.org).]

High-level event on sustainable energy for all (organized by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Monday, 24 September 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[Members of permanent missions and permanent observer missions, United Nations staff and representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers and for further information please contact Mr. Jonas von Freiesleben, Executive Office of the Secretary-General (e-mail freiesleben@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1660). Information on the initiative, including the Secretary-General's Vision Statement and Action Agenda document, can be found at <www.un.org/en/sefa> or <www.sustainableenergyforall.org>.]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in room DC2-1142, in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to e-Books (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Today, 28 August 2012.

Overview of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library (from 11 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 30 August 2012.

Introduction to United Nations documents

Friday, 31 August 2012 *(English)* (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon);

Tuesday, 4 September 2012 *(English)* (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon);

Tuesday, 11 September 2012 *(Spanish)*; (from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.); and

Wednesday, 12 September 2012 *(French)* (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon).

General Assembly Documentation (new)

Thursday, 6 September 2012 *(English)* (10 a.m. to 12 noon);

Friday, 7 September 2012 *(English)* (10 a.m. to 12 noon);

Thursday, 13 September 2012 *(Spanish)* (10 a.m. to 12 noon);

Friday, 14 September 2012 *(French)* (10 a.m. to 12 noon); and

Wednesday, 19 September 2012 *(English)* (2.30 to 4.30 p.m.).

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October 2012, in Conference Room E (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 16 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 16 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 17 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 17 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 18 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 18 October, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

2012 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, Bangkok, Thailand

The Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to developing countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues.

The Regional Course in International Law for Asia-Pacific Group is scheduled to be held in Thailand in November 2012. The participants for this Regional Course have been selected from the following Members States of the Asia-Pacific Group: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Oman, Philippines, Qatar, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu and Viet Nam.

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is seeking contributions from Member States for the Regional Courses. For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6971).

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention
on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 27 August 2012

General Assembly

United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

1st meeting

Opening of the Conference by the Secretary-General of the United Nations . . . . . [1]

The Deputy Secretary-General opened the meeting and conducted the election of the President.

Election of the President . . . . . [2]

H.E. Ms. Joy Ogwu was elected President of the Conference by acclamation.

Statement by the President . . . . . [3]

The President of the Conference made a statement.

Address by the President of the General Assembly . . . . . [4]

The Acting President of the General Assembly made a statement.

Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations . . . . . [5]

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

Adoption of the rules of procedure . . . . . [6]

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

Mr. Daniel Prins, Chief of the Conventional Arms Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, made a statement.

The Conference adopted its rules of procedure as contained in document A/CONF.192/2012/RC/L.2.

Adoption of the agenda . . . . . [7]

The Conference adopted its agenda, as contained in document A/CONF.192/2012/RC/L.1.

Organization of work . . . . . [8]

The Conference took note of the draft indicative programme of work, contained in document A/CONF.192/2012/RC/CRP.1, with the understanding that it may be revised periodically, as appropriate, according to the progress and need of work.

Election of officers other than the President . . . . . [9]

The Conference elected 13 Vice-Presidents, by acclamation, as follows: *African States:* Kenya and Madagascar; *Asian and Pacific States:* Indonesia and Japan; *Eastern European States:* Czech Republic, Hungary and Romania; *Latin American and Caribbean States:* Brazil, Guyana and Peru; *Western European and other States:* Germany, New Zealand and Norway.

Credentials of representatives to the Conference . . . . . [10]

The Conference decided that the composition of the Credentials Committee would be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly, at its sixty-sixth session, namely, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, Italy, Maldives, Panama, Russian Federation, Senegal and the United States of America.

Confirmation of the Secretary-General of the Conference . . . . . [11]

The Conference confirmed the appointment of Mr. Daniel Prins, Chief of the Conventional Arms Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, as Secretary-General of the Conference.

General exchange of views . . . . . [12]

The Conference heard a presentation introduced by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research and the Small Arms Survey.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of member states of the Caribbean Community), European Union, Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), New Zealand (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), Kenya, Algeria, Australia, Italy, Indonesia, the Holy See and Turkey.

2nd meeting

General exchange of views . . . . . [12]

Statements were made by the representatives of Lithuania, Benin, Japan, Viet Nam, Portugal, Spain, the Republic of Korea, the United States, Pakistan, Trinidad and Tobago, Thailand, New Zealand, Kazakhstan, the Philippines, Ireland, Ukraine, Malaysia, India, Germany, Luxembourg, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and France.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *August 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Burkina Faso
H.E. Mr. Der Kogda

Asia-Pacific States:
Marshall Islands
H.E. Ms. Amatlain Elizabeth Kabua

Eastern European States:
Armenia
H.E. Mr. Garen Nazarian

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Jamaica
H.E. Mr. Raymond Wolfe

Western European and other States:
Andorra
H.E. Mr. Narcís Casal de Fonsdeviela

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (room S-2472; tel. 1 (212) 963-5258; fax 1 (917) 367-0406).

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

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